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Shooting HRM's fourth in 10 days

SPRYFIELD Halifax Regional Police had two people in custody Wednesday night after shots were fired at a home in Spryfield.

Police say they responded to 205 Abrams Way just after 8 p.m. after reports came in of shots being fired at the residence.

Several bullet holes were discovered outside of the home, police say. The home owners were inside at the time of the shooting, but there were no injuries.

Two adult males were taken into custody just before 9 p.m. at an address on nearby Pine Grove Drive in relation to the shooting.

Investigators were on scene last night at the Abrams Way address gathering evidence.

Wednesday night's shooting was the fourth in HRM in the past 10 days.

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Madison Murray raps at the new Uniacke Square Sound Studio on Wednesday. The studio, which was created through a collaboration between the Halifax Regional Police and Communities and Uniacke Square Engaging (C.A.U.S.E.), is designed to give neighbourhood youth access to professional-quality recording equipment.

C.A.U.S.E. to rap

Community, HRP team up to open Uniacke Square Sound Studio

SHELBY MCDONALD
for Metro Halifax

Madison Murray has been writing and performing rap since he was nine.

Showcasing his skills inside the new Uniacke Square Sound Studio on Wednesday afternoon, the 22-year-old local resident wondered where he might be today had a program like this been around when he was younger.

"Nowadays the young people that are just coming up and wanting to rap ... I think that if this establishment is here and they work together and do things then they can go somewhere — no doubt," said

Murray, a rapper with aspirations of making a career out of it.

The Communities and Uniacke Square Engaging (C.A.U.S.E.) organization and Halifax Regional Police have partnered together to create this music studio on Uniacke Street. The volunteer-based project provides a place for youth within the Uniacke Square community who are interested in singing, rapping, poetry and the recording aspect of music to go and practise their talents.

The Halifax Housing Authority provided the space

for the studio, which includes several rooms of recording equipment.

C.A.U.S.E. president Donna Nelligan said a lot of time and effort went into getting this project off the ground.

"We went out and we talked to the youth in the community, asking them what they would like to see, what would support them in engaging in positive things," she said. "And this is one of the things they identified."

Uniacke Square community response officer Const. Holly Thomas has worked

closely with C.A.U.S.E. to ensure the studio will be a good thing for the area.

"It will give the kids in the area a positive space to be, to express themselves," Thomas said.

During Wednesday's official launch, many kids from around the community visited the studio for the first time. And while many were too shy to showcase their musical abilities, it seemed to come off as a hit.

"It will give kids a chance to get their talents out there," said Lindell Smith, the audio-engineer for the studio. "Not just record, but to gather skills like how equipment works and how to actually write better — stuff like that."

"It will give kids a chance to get their talents out there."

Lindell Smith,
audio engineer

Guilty plea entered in impaired driving case

TRIAL Beverlee Jayne Russell pleaded guilty on Wednesday to impaired driving causing the death of a Cole Harbour man and injuring several others.

Russell pleaded guilty at Dartmouth provincial court to one count of impaired driving causing death, three counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm, and one of failing to stop at the scene of an accident, a spokeswoman with the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service said.

On Aug. 3, 2009, Russell, a 54-year-old Cole Harbour resident, allegedly fled the scene of one collision before causing a second, multi-vehicle crash that claimed the life of 57-year-old retired teacher Gary Pfinder and seriously injured two others.

She was arrested and charged on Aug. 10, and ordered to undergo a psychiatric assessment the following day. She was deemed mentally fit to stand trial.

Police allege alcohol was a factor in both accidents. She will be sentenced at Dartmouth provincial court on June 2.

Russell still faces several other charges, but it's unclear whether they will be withdrawn because of these guilty pleas.

Pending charges include manslaughter, causing death by criminal negligence, two charges of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, and multiple counts of criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

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Public Gardens opening early

You'll get to feel the April showers and then see the May flowers in the Halifax Public Gardens this spring. HRM announced Wednesday the gates to the popular downtown Halifax park will be opening early this year on April 14. The date is about a month before the normal opening date, which is usually the second week of May. The Garden will run from 8 a.m. to dusk each day.

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Payroll rebate for insurance company

SUPPORT Nova Scotia's business development agency will give an insurance company as much as \$2.7 million to expand operations in the province.

The government says the six-year payroll rebate will allow RSA Canada to create up to 160 jobs. RSA provides home, car and business insurance.

The company also has a national training centre in Halifax where employees from across Canada learn insurance underwriting skills.

The payroll rebate is paid annually, based on performance targets.

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Balanced budget in 4 years?

Steele reveals NDP goal to get out of the red in 2013-14

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The NDP plans to get back to balanced budgets in four years, give or take a year depending on luck.

Finance Minister Graham Steele unveiled the target at a Halifax Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday. The goal is to have the 2013-14 budget balanced, though Steele said that could happen one year earlier or later depending on unforeseen circumstances.

Steele also unveiled this year's deficit has fallen \$100 million from first estimates and \$35 million from projections just three months ago. On the last day of the fiscal year, Steele said the total deficit will be about \$490 million.

The NDP has come under fire from opposition parties for the two per cent HST hike widely believed to be included in next week's budget. They say it will hurt families and slow economic growth.

Steele responded



Finance Minister Graham Steele gives his pre-budget address to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce at the Harbourfront Marriott hotel on Wednesday.

Wednesday, saying that lower taxes would mean less money for services.

"We cannot in this province have a conversation about taxes that is divorced from what it is those taxes pay for," he said.

"Where do people think

I spend your money? I spend it on teachers and nurses and paramedics and roads and snow plow operators. How much of that stuff don't you want to have anymore? When somebody says to me tax cut, what I hear is service cut."

Think-tank's take

• Right-wing think-tank the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies released its own report on how to get back to balanced budgets Wednesday. The report centred around heavy cuts to government and the public service, eliminating red tape and loosening regulations, and instituting a revenue-neutral tax system with the lowest corporate taxes in the country.

After the speech, Steele told reporters the cost savings came from higher-than-expected revenue and reduced spending after decrees from government.

Steele has been tight-lipped about Tuesday's upcoming budget, with the back-to-balance date being the first piece to be released early.

"I'm at the stage where if you asked me if I were going to deliver the budget dressed as the Easter Bunny, I would neither confirm nor deny it," he joked with the chamber.

What the opposition would do with the budget

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FINANCES The Liberals say they would cut income taxes this year. The Tories claim they'd balance the budget.

"I would absolutely balance the budget this year," said Tory finance critic Allan MacMaster, adding his party would do so without any tax increases.

He said he didn't like the

word "cuts" but government could curtail expenses without slashing jobs.

"If we can't raise taxes ... then we have to start living within our means," he said.

Last spring, Darrell Dexter promised to balance the budget without tax hikes or cuts. After being elected premier, he had to admit that wasn't going to happen.

On Wednesday, Finance Minister Graham Steele

said the government hopes to balance the books by the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Liberal finance critic Leo Glavine didn't give a specific timetable for when the province should get out of the red, but did propose cutting personal income tax.

"It's one of the areas where most governments are afraid to be bold," he said.

"But I think these are the areas that we need to ex-

amine to inject people spending and adding to the economy."

Glavine said income tax cuts, especially for poorer Nova Scotians, would be reinvested as direct economic stimulus.

He also criticized the government for continuing to funnel money into the industrial expansion fund and for giving money to pulp companies, which he called a "sunset industry."

No special gas prices for N.S. retailers, board rules

BUSINESS A regulator has turned down a request to create a separate price zone for Nova Scotia gas retailers who say they are losing business to lower-priced counterparts in New Brunswick.

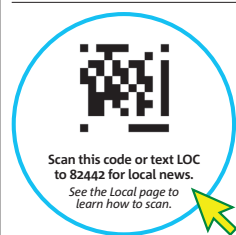
The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board says in a decision released Wednesday there's evidence there is still a viable local market for Nova Scotia gasoline — even if consumers have to pay five to six cents a litre more due to higher sales taxes.

The board says some smaller stations in Amherst and Springhill may close because of the price differences, but it says it doesn't have a mandate to maintain the total number of existing stations.

Dave Collins, vice-president of Wilson Fuel Co. Ltd., criticized the decision.

"There's a lot of retail businesses in Amherst that are very disappointed in this decision because they've been struggling against a much more favourable retail environment in New Brunswick," said Wilson, whose firm owns retail outlets in Amherst and in nearby Sackville, N.B.

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A 31-year-old man and 21-year-old woman have been charged with drug trafficking. Halifax Regional Police say officers conducted a search of a home on Young Street in Dartmouth on Tuesday night. According to police, cocaine, drug paraphernalia and a bow and arrow set were seized. **METRO HALIFAX**

Man faces charges after weapons call

DARTMOUTH Charges have been laid against a Dartmouth man in connection with a weapons call this week.

Halifax Regional Police say Jeffrey Ethelbert Allison, 53, has been charged with unlawful confinement, assault, possession of a dangerous weapon and unsafe storage of a firearm.

He was scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial court on Wednesday.

Police say early Tuesday morning, they were contacted by a woman inside a home on Lynwood Drive in Dartmouth stating she and another female were forced to remain inside the house by a male armed with a gun.

The Emergency Response Team and negotiators arrived on scene a short time later, with the suspect exiting the residence on his own accord.

He was arrested and charged after questioning on Tuesday. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

LASER OFFENCES Police in Cape Breton say they have caught the person responsible for pointing a laser into the cockpits of airplanes in the Sydney area. A police spokeswoman says information from the public helped police identify a 15-year-old boy from Sydney River, who admitted to the offences.

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Several shots fired at home

No one hurt as residence also hit by unexploded Molotov cocktail

ALEX BOUTILIER
for Metro Halifax

Shots were fired at a Cherry Brook residence early Wednesday morning, marking another shooting in HRM.

Several shots were fired at 4 Apple St. just after midnight. The neighbouring residence at 5 Apple St. was also struck by a stray bullet. A homemade incendiary device — a Molotov Cocktail — was also thrown at the house, but did not cause any damage.

According to police spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin, four people were in the mobile home at the time of the shooting, and no one was injured. Residents reported hearing a vehicle peel away after the shots were fired.

Residents of 4 Apple St. and several neighbouring homes declined to speak with Metro yesterday.

One neighbour, however, indicated the occupants were new to the street.

Taplin said police are investigating whether the incident is related to two recent shootings in North Preston.

On March 22, several shots were fired at the home of Roger Santrevo Downey on Cain Street. Six days later, shots were fired at the reported home of Marchello Williams.

Downey recently had an attempted murder charge dropped in relation to the shooting of Williams last



RCMP officers look for evidence following a drive-by shooting on Apple Street in Cherry Brook on Wednesday morning. A mobile home was struck by several bullets and an unexploded Molotov cocktail was also found on the front lawn. No one was injured in the incident.

fall.

"We'll be looking to see if there's any relation with this shooting to the other incidents over the past 10 days," Taplin said. "(But) this one was different, where the (Molotov) cocktail was located in the front lawn."

Taplin said it appears the incendiary device was lit, but failed to ignite after hitting the house.

Taplin said the recent escalation in violence is troubling to police, especially with bystanders being put in harm's way.

"We've had three incidents and nobody's been hurt," Taplin said. "(But) if (4 Apple St.) was the target, well then the next door residence got struck by a bullet as well ... somebody's going to be seriously hurt here, or killed."

Gun amnesty program to take place in April

FIREARMS Police across the province are coming together to reduce the number of firearms in Nova Scotia.

For the first time the RCMP and municipal police forces in Nova Scotia are partnering together in a gun amnesty program that will take place throughout April.

The program is to encourage citizens in the province who have unwanted firearms or ammunition to surrender them without cost or penalty.

"Any action we can take to remove firearms from our streets will ultimately enhance the safety of our communities," RCMP Chief Superintendent Blair McKnight said in a release. "Ensuring the guns do not fall into the hands of those looking to commit criminal acts."

Last November, Halifax police conducted a gun amnesty program throughout HRM and more than 1,000 various types of firearms and 10,000 rounds ammunition were collected.

In the program, a free digital camera was provided as an incentive for each person who surrendered his or her gun.

No gifts will be provided under the provincewide initiative.

SHELBY MCDONALD/
FOR METRO HALIFAX

Men sought in suspicious incident

CLAYTON PARK Police are investigating a suspicious incident in Clayton Park involving a 15-year-old girl.

Halifax Regional Police say last Saturday around 10:30 p.m. the teenager was walking home through a parking lot at Radcliffe Drive and Dunbrack Street when a vehicle containing four men drove by and started talking to her.

Police say the victim ignored them, but the driver exited the vehicle and grabbed her by the arm. She was able to get away and ran into a nearby business.

Police describe the driver as a five-foot-eight black man in his 20s with a tattoo on the right side of his face with three lines running down his cheek and a design cut into his right eyebrow.

The vehicle is described as a newer model black four-door BMW with DMV the first three letters of the licence plate. **METRO HALIFAX**

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RCMP issue cellphone reminder

Nova Scotia RCMP are reminding motorists it's illegal to use a hand-held cellphone while operating a motor vehicle. The reminder comes as Thursday is the two-year anniversary since the province issued the law on April 1, 2008. The fine for breaking this law is \$167.71. **METRO HALIFAX**

Simon, Garfunkel to take Metro stage

MUSIC The Sound of Silence at the Halifax Metro Centre will be interrupted when Simon and Garfunkel take the stage on May 17 and 18.

The legendary folk duo will perform two shows in Halifax as part of their 2010 North American tour.

The majority of the tour will be spent in Canada — beginning in Vancouver on April 29. The tour will also include stops in Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, and Ottawa, in addition to select U.S. cities.

According to concert

promoter group evenko, the night will feature songs from the duo's six studio albums, as well as highlights from both solo careers.

Art Garfunkel was originally scheduled to perform a solo show in Halifax this month, but that was recently scrapped.

Tickets for the two concerts go on sale on Thursday, April 8 at a.m. at a cost of \$149.50 and \$99.50. They will be available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

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'Dexter' use OK, says speaker

POLITICS MLAs will now be able to use Premier Darrell Dexter's last name in question period, though not in direct reference to him.

Speaker Charlie Parker halted the Tories Tuesday when they referenced Dexter's last name. The rules state a MLA must be referred to by title or constituency.

The Tories appealed and

said Wednesday they scoured through past archives to find 273 references ranging from "The Hamm Tories" to "The MacDonald government."

Parker ruled "The Dexter government" was an appropriate term, but individual members must still be called by title.

**PAUL MCLEOD/
METRO HALIFAX**

Theatre fest goes SuperNova

Scott Burke is excited about all six main shows for the 17th annual Eastern Front Theatre's SuperNova Theatre Festival in Halifax.

The artistic director for the festival was very animated as he described this year's presentation that gets underway April 28 at Neptune Studio Theatre.

"I can't pick a favourite," Burke said of the event's official launch Wednesday inside the Windsor Foundation Lecture Theatre at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. "I just want to talk about them all because I'm excited about them all."

The One Man Star Wars trilogy was the big hit at last year's festival, and Burke is very excited that Charles Ross has agreed to come back and do one more special performance on May 8 of his captivating show for a fundraiser in support of Eastern Front Theatre.

Ross will also be featured in the festival with his new show The One Man Lord of the Rings, in which he performs the entire trilogy on stage with no props, just



Charles Ross' One Man Lord of the Rings is expected to be a big draw at Eastern Front Theatre's SuperNova Theatre Festival.

himself.

Burke said he's hoping

Ross' newest creation will

sell out again as it applies

Tickets

Tickets are available through the Neptune Theatre box office.

- Piaf: Love Conquers All — April 28 to May 1
- The Bone House — April 28 to May 2
- The Misfit — April 29 to May 2
- Grandma Noda's Tigers — May 2 to 9
- One Man Lord of the Rings — May 5 to 9
- Impromptu Splendor — May 5 to 8

to the same audience.

"We're hoping everyone who saw Star Wars will want to come and see that one," Burke said.

"The One Man Lord of the Rings will drive us all."

This is the festival's second year at the Neptune after many years in Dartmouth. Burke said they were very pleased with how successful things were in 2009. "We want the festival to be in Neptune Studio for a long, long time," he said.

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There's been another fatal avalanche in B.C., bringing the death toll from slides in the province's backcountry this season to 10. The Canadian Avalanche Centre confirmed one person died in the slide on Mount Currie near Pemberton, about a two-hour drive north of Vancouver. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada



PM loses another staffer

The revolving door in Stephen Harper's communications shop continues to spin. The prime minister is losing his fourth director of communications since coming to office four years ago. John Williamson, left, is departing to make a bid for elected office in the New Brunswick riding of former Tory cabinet minister Greg Thompson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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The doctor is in ... but will you have to pay?

Will you face a user fee every time you visit the doctor?

Ottawa may have to decide whether provinces can start charging patients for trips to the doctor now Quebec has announced plans to bill \$25 per visit.

In a move that could have a ripple effect across the country, Quebec — in its budget Tuesday — said it's considering a deductible for each trip to the doctor.

It even raised the possibility the rest of Canada might want to follow suit in what would be a significant shift for the universal health system.

Quebec claims the deductible is in line with the Canada Health Act. But

"It looks like a user fee."

Antonia Maioni

health-care expert Antonia Maioni says Quebec's proposal may indeed go against the law.

"It looks like a user fee," said Maioni, a political scientist at McGill University who specializes in health policy.

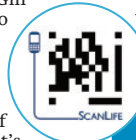
"It's trying to put a fee on utilization, and if that's the case it's going to come up against the Canada Health Act."

She says federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq is

the only person with the authority to declare such deductibles illegal.

"The only way the Canada Health Act can be activated, in terms of slapping down the provinces, is if the minister of health decides there is a contravention," said Maioni, director of McGill's Institute for the Study of Canada.

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MIC MAC MALL

Ottawa Told you so, says Iggy



Stephen Harper's refusal to include abortion in his G8 initiative on maternal health has turned into an international embarrassment for Canada, says Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, pictured speaking to the media in Ottawa on Wednesday. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's rebuke to Canada proves the Liberals were right to push for it, he said.

Canada pledges \$400M

HAITI Canada has bought a seat at the global table that will direct Haiti's quake recovery effort.

It did so Wednesday by pledging \$400 million at a major donors' conference at the United Nations.

Canadian officials said the announcement — part of \$5.3 billion pledged at the gathering — left no

doubt the country will be granted membership on the Interim Haitian Recovery Commission.

The panel will preside over one of the most ambitious exercises in nation building after the Jan. 12 quake that killed more than 200,000, including at least 46 Canadians.

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Ontario premier anticipates public sector salary backlash

Amid nurse layoffs and bed closings, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty yesterday defended hospital executives' salaries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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March weather a walk in the park

A dramatic lack of snowfall during a March month that behaved more like a lamb with no sign of the lion has set records across the country.

Environment Canada climatologist Dave Phillips says downtown Toronto, for example, didn't get a trace of snow during the month.

He says it's the first time that's happened since record-keeping began in 1845, and Toronto wasn't alone with a snow-free March.

Ottawa may be the snowiest national capital in the world, he added, but the city had no snow this month. It averages 40 centimetres in March; the previous low in the city was 1.2 centimetres in 2006.

Calgary stood to record its second-lowest snowfall amount in March before light snowfalls hit the city yesterday, the last day of the month. On the other hand, Edmonton, where it was sunny and 9 C yesterday,

saw its third-lowest snowfall amount for the month of March.

Montreal had 1.4 centimetres, breaking a record of 2.6 centimetres set last

year.

"Since El Nino arrived at the end of 2009, it really has stayed the course — there's been no relaxing."

Dave Phillips, Environment Canada

Phillips says it's the year that winter was cancelled in Canada, and the weather phenomenon El Nino is to blame. He said London, Ont., which is often hammered by lake-effect snow and is in the middle of a snow belt, "had zero snow, not a trace."

"Hamilton got hit by a little bit, 6.8 centimetres, so that stood out as an exception."

Phillips said, "El Nino truly has been a force this winter in Canada."

"Since El Nino arrived at the end of 2009, it really has stayed the course — there's been no relaxing," he said.

Phillips said when you get weather "that's really wacky like this, there are winners and there are losers."

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Women's group expects cuts

FUNDING Status of Women Minister Helena Guergis is expected to cut funding for further research on missing and murdered aboriginal women as part of a refocusing on the government's support for the issue.

The five-year-old Sisters in Spirit initiative had been compiling a database on the more than 500 women who have died or gone missing over the past four decades. The group, operating within the Native Women's Association of Canada, had become Canada's leading resource on the topic.

But their funding was set to run out yesterday with no public word yet on their fate. The co-ordinator of the program said she believed that the program would survive in another format.

"That's something that Status of Women has been clear about, that there should be no more research, that it's now more about action," said Karen Rexe, director of Sisters in Spirit.

Rexe says her group's research over the past five years has helped identify more and more cases of missing and murdered aboriginal women.

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Helena Guergis

News in brief

PLEA Darcie Victoria West, charged in connection with a hit-and-run last year in Fredericton that led to the death of a woman in a wheelchair, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to

leaving the scene of an accident without stopping to render assistance, attempting to impede justice by destroying evidence, and intimidating witnesses. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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When it comes to predicting earthquakes, toads may be an asset. British researchers said Wednesday that they observed a mass exodus of toads from a breeding site in Italy five days before a major tremor struck, suggesting the amphibians may be able to sense environmental changes, imperceptible to humans. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Toads a tool to predict earthquakes?

World



Silva staffer to run against him

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's chief of staff resigned on Wednesday so she can campaign to become Brazil's first woman president. Dilma Rousseff, pictured, and nine other members of Silva's Cabinet stepped down ahead of the April 2 deadline for public office holders to resign, to be eligible to run in October's general elections.

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Teen accused of selling 7-year-old sister for sex

A 15-year-old New Jersey girl set up her seven-year-old stepsister to have sex with as many as seven men and boys at a weekend party near their home and also accepted money for herself, police said.

Trenton police Capt. Joseph Juniak said Wednesday that the older girl started by taking money to have sex with several men at a party in a high-rise apartment Sunday. The teen then gave some of the money she had collected to the younger girl to let the men start touching her, Juniak said.

The child later put on her clothes and left the apart-

"I know there's a place in hell for all the people that participated in this."

Trenton, N.J., Mayor Doug Palmer

ment; her sister stayed. Two women found the child crying outside the apartment and walked her home.

The teen is charged with aggravated sexual assault, promoting prostitution and other crimes. Her name was not released because of her age. She was being held in a juvenile detention facility.

A spokeswoman for the county prosecutor's office said prosecutors would seek to have the teen tried as an adult. Police believe as many as a dozen people were at the party. They are trying to track down the men and

boys who attended and additional arrests are expected.

The child was treated at a hospital, and police said child protective services is working with the family to get her psychological help.

Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer called the crime "sickening" and said it was among the worst he's seen in his 20 years as mayor.

"The police are taking this personal," the mayor said. "I know there's a place in hell for all the people that participated in this, and I'm sure they will get there."

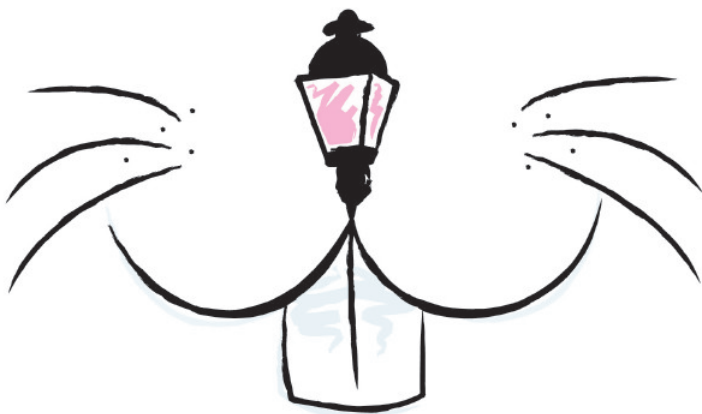
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Germany Setting sail on solar power



The PlanetSolar is seen during its launch at Kiel, Germany, on Wednesday. The world's largest solar-powered boat is 31 metres long, 15 metres broad and 7.5 metres high. A German adventurer is preparing for what he says will be the first-ever world tour by a solar-powered boat, in April 2011.

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Rural customs in spotlight after grisly find in China

DEAD BODIES Rural traditions of abandoning dead infants may have played a role in the case of 21 babies' bodies found along a river in eastern China, apparently dumped by hospital mortuary workers.

The little bodies — at least one stuffed in a yellow bag marked "medical waste" — were found floating and strewn along the bank of a river on the outskirts of Jinjing city in Shandong province last weekend.

Police detained two mortuary workers at a hospital who were paid by the babies' families to dispose of the bodies.

Hospital procedures normally call for families to take away dead infants, the Shandong province-based Qilu Evening News reported. However, the death of a

young child is considered bad luck among some rural families, and the body is often abandoned or buried in unmarked graves.

Some local customs go even further. When a baby dies, the family burns its clothes, toys and photos — anything that would remind them the child ever existed. The traditions stem from China's agrarian past, where child deaths were common, and not considered something to dwell on

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News in brief

RUSSIA A Chechen militant claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks on the Moscow subway in an Internet message posted Wednesday, hours after two more suicide bombers struck southern Russia. Doku Umarov, who leads Islamic militants in Chechnya and other regions in Russia's North Cau-

casus, said in a video posted on a pro-rebel Web site that Monday's twin suicide attacks were revenge for the killing of civilians by Russian security forces. Wednesday's suicide bombings killed 12 people in Dagestan, a volatile southern province east of Chechnya.

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Test-driving your relationship

Relating

Steve Collins

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don't write much here about my own relationship. It's a happy one, after all, and that's a boring read. (I also suspect a connection between continued happiness and not spilling my guts about everything in the paper).

This week, though, we're on a road trip together through the U.S., cooped up alone in a car for hours at a time, so there's potential

for horrible, juicy strife.

We're long past our first trip together and, hopefully, still far from booking separate vacations, so the idea of going off somewhere together still sounds like fun, rather than obligation. Once that's not the case anymore, you've got trouble.

Trouble has a way of finding you anyway. Any travel promises certain tests of endurance and humour. We've already run into some bad food, some worse weather, and a couple of those missed exits that can set driver and navigator quietly or not-so-quietly blaming the other, but we're still holding up.

There's a risk to the do-



mestic peace, of course, in spending this much uninterrupted time together, outside the unexamined daily routines and distractions, but as the kilometres go by, you might also have the time to actually talk

about something.

Even preparations can ramp up tension. Vacation time is scarce, and friends and family stake their claims. It can be hard to engineer a co-ordinated escape.

Expectations can run a little high. You've finally got the chance to get away together and damned if it's not going to be postcard perfection. Then your plan collides with reality.

Meticulous, detailed plans simply beg to be thwarted, so our itinerary so far has been a loosely arranged affair, a night out with some good mutual friends in Toronto, a rib place in North Carolina with a name that privately amuses us, the tourist trapping grounds of Myrtle Beach where I spent car-bound family vacations as a kid.

The latter was my idea, and it was largely a bust, with spring break louts

hooting up and down a charmless main strip, a disastrous meal, and a shabby motel room that cost less than the meal.

It's in such moments of manifest imperfection that I remember listening to my parents bicker from the backseat of that hot car or the unmistakable tone an ex's voice would take on when she was definitely not having fun and it was definitely my fault.

But the sun's up, and once it rises above the wall of corporate beachfront hotels, it's going to be a beautiful day. We still don't hate each other. So far, so OK.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Rewriting cultural norms is the answer

BroadMinded

Melinda Mattos

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When it comes to sexual assault, blaming the victim is nothing new. We've all heard it before: Her skirt was too short; she shouldn't have been out alone; she was asking for it.

But as I perused the headlines online last Friday, I discovered a new low: "Rapist hopes victim has learned 'to keep her doors locked.'"

I had to check the headline twice to make sure it

was real before I could move on to the article itself, about a sentencing hearing held for 27-year-old Daniel Katsnelson in Ontario Superior Court that day.

Katsnelson pleaded guilty in January to sexually assaulting two women on the York University campus during Frosh Week 2007. After scamming their way into a residence building, Katsnelson and a friend prowled the halls, checking for unlocked doors so they could "get lucky."

The women Katsnelson raped were 17 and 18 at the time, just starting university. In court on Friday, both women read disturbing victim impact state-

ments about the physical and psychological pain caused by the attacks.

Afterwards, Katsnelson's own thoughts were revealed by the Crown prosecutor, who read from a probation officer's report: "(Katsnelson) states he hopes some day the victim will be able to take away something positive from this, as he has." What, exactly? "That now maybe she will know to keep her doors locked."

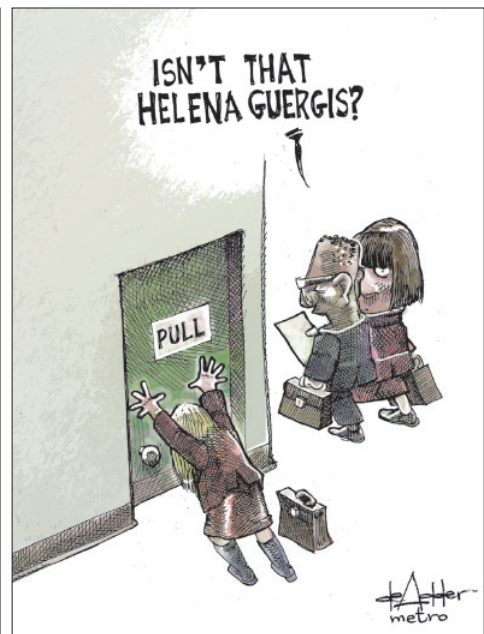
Are you kidding me? With logic like Katsnelson's, one might expect the victims to leap up from the stand to thank their rapist for teaching them a valuable life lesson. Perhaps they could all shake hands as well?

Real-life bogeymen like Katsnelson are the reason I grew up afraid of walking alone at night, afraid of strangers, afraid of almost everything. Some nights, when I'm home alone, there aren't enough locked doors in the world to make me feel safe.

But the answer isn't more locks. The answer is change. The answer is rewriting our cultural norms to build a world in which men no longer feel entitled to women's bodies and violence isn't an everyday occurrence.

Katsnelson's sentence will be delivered April 14.

Melinda Mattos is a Toronto-based writer, editor and co-founder of feminist teen magazine Shameless. Visit www.shamelessmag.com



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Acquisition in Bangladesh

Clothing maker Gildan Activewear Inc. has bought a T-shirt factory near Dhaka, Bangladesh, for \$15 million US. The Montreal-based company said yesterday it has completed the purchase of Shahriyar Fabric Industries Ltd., which operates a knitting, dying, finishing, cutting and sewing plant. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Obama approves off-shore drilling

Reversing a ban on oil drilling off most U.S. shores, President Barack Obama announced an expansive new policy yesterday that could put new oil and natural gas platforms in waters along the southern Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and part of Alaska.

Speaking at Andrews Air Force Base outside Wash-

ington, Obama said, "This is not a decision that I've made lightly." He spoke of the expected outcry from environmentalists by saying he had studied the issue for more than a year and concluded it was the right call given the nation's voracious thirst for energy and the need to produce jobs and keep American businesses competitive.

"We're announcing the expansion of offshore oil and gas exploration but in ways that balance the need to harness domestic energy resources and the need to protect America's natural resources," Obama said, standing in front of a Navy F-18 fighter scheduled to fly on Earth Day with a half-biomass fuel mix.

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Sierra Club calls bill a 'step backward'

RULE Environmental groups and opposition politicians say the federal Conservatives are trying to gut environmental assessment laws by sneaking in new

rules in budget legislation. "This is a big step backward about 20 years," John Bennett of the Sierra Club said yesterday. The legislation would give the envi-

ronment minister the power to divide a large project into smaller components for the purpose of studying its environmental impact.

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Business in brief

OIL There's been a shortage of skilled workers capable of drilling technically challenging oil and gas wells this winter, even though the level of activity

is lower than a few years ago, the president of an industry group says. "In many of those companies, they actually turned work down in the first quarter

... because they couldn't get enough people," said Roger Soucy, who heads the Petroleum Services Association of Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Residents of Halifax Regional Municipality are advised that there will be no garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Good Friday, April 2, 2010. Collection services for that day will be provided the next day, **Saturday, April 3, 2010.**

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It looks like construction on a new stadium for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will finally get underway this summer. Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger says the government will provide \$90 million in bridge financing for Winnipeg businessman David Asper. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Manufacturing gives economy a boost

The stalwart Canadian economy marched doggedly forward in January, growing faster than anticipated thanks to a healthy boost from a manufacturing sector that appeared to be in full rebound from the recession.

The month's 0.6 per cent rise in real gross domestic product, reported Wednesday by Statistics Canada, was the biggest one-month lift in more than two years and just ahead of an economist consensus forecast of 0.5 per cent.

"The Canadian recovery is becoming more fully entrenched and is showing surprising strength, with the goods-producing sector in full rebound mode,"

Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist for BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a note to clients.

"Importantly, the recovery looks to be broadening beyond the initial push in housing and consumer spending, as manufacturing has advanced for five straight months."

The solid improvement will likely put more pressure on the Bank of Canada to raise interest rates in the next couple of months from their historic lows of 0.25 per cent.

The construction sector advanced 1.7 per cent, on a four per cent increase in residential construction and a one per cent rise in engineering and repair work. Non-residential

1.3% The amount goods-producing industries grew, largely on the strength of manufacturing and construction. After a 1.2 per cent gain in December, manufacturing was up 1.9 per cent in January, with 17 of 21 major groups advancing.

building construction bucked the trend, falling off a slight 0.5 per cent.

"These are unambiguously strong results, with GDP now rising at a whopping 6.9 per cent annual pace over the November-to-January period," Porter said.

"And, the economy has already recouped more

than half of its recession losses, with GDP now up by 2.7 per cent from last May's low."

The loonie rose following the announcement, moving up 0.43 cents to 98.52 cents US in morning trading.

Mining and oil-and-gas extraction also increased in January.

The production of services advanced 0.4 per cent, led by wholesale trade.

Retail trade, the finance and insurance sector, transportation and the public sector also rose.

Meanwhile, the output of real estate agents and brokers, some tourism-related industries as well as agriculture and forestry retreated.

The volume of wholesaling activity increased 2.9 per cent with all wholesaling trade groups posting gains except apparel and alcohol and tobacco.

Value added in the retail trade sector rose 0.8 per cent in January.

Significant increases were registered in building and outdoor home supplies stores, home furnishings stores as well as food and beverage stores. Declines were recorded at new- and used-car dealers and at gasoline stations.

Porter added that early statistics for the month of February also look promising, with the gain of 60,000 full-time jobs, housing starts up six per cent and auto sales at their

Payroll

- Total hours worked by payroll employees increased by 0.3 per cent in January while non-farm payroll employment was virtually unchanged. Statistics Canada reports January's most notable job gains were in mining, quarrying, oil-and-gas extraction; construction; finance; transportation and warehousing.

highest level in almost two years. "Given today's results, and the fact that February is shaping up well, first-quarter GDP growth looks set to easily surpass our recently revised call of a gain of 4.7 per cent."

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Steelmakers call for antitrust investigation

ECONOMY European steel makers on Wednesday demanded an EU antitrust probe to check for monopoly abuse and cartel-type behaviour by the three major iron ore suppliers Vale, BHP Billiton Ltd and Rio Tinto after price increases of more than 80 per cent.

European car makers and engineering companies also complained that higher costs for iron ore, steel's key ingredient, could do serious harm to their business and were not justified by higher demand from emerging economies China, India

and Brazil.

Steel federation Eurofer, which represents Arcelor-Mittal SA, ThyssenKrupp AG and Corus Group PLC, said it has lodged a formal complaint with the European Commission after Vale and BHP Billiton struck deals with Asian steel mills that would increase iron ore prices by between 80 per cent and 100 per cent.

The group said it saw "strong indications of illicit co-ordination of prices increases and pricing models."

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China Play ball



Jim Small, right, vice-president of Major League Baseball in Asia, shakes hands with Lei Jun, president of China Baseball Association, after a signing ceremony of strategic partnership and launch of MLB baseball park in Beijing, Wednesday.

Toronto Airline grounded



A worker at Pearson International Airport in Toronto stands in front of Skyservice Airlines' check-in counter Wednesday. The Skyservice chartered airline based in Toronto says it is going out of business and will wind up its operations. The company entered receivership in Ontario Superior Court Wednesday, after cancelling most of its scheduled flights out of the airport.

National Bank boss denies takeover talk

BANKING National Bank Financial Group says it has no reason to believe it could become the object of a hostile takeover, a scenario dismissed by the bank boss Wednesday as "finance fiction."

President and CEO Louis Vachon told shareholders that the prospect of bank mergers had fallen off the radar screen since the 2007-08 financial crisis, and said the idea of a foreign takeover also seemed far-fetched.

There has been speculation over the years that smaller banks, like National, could be taken over because they weren't offered the same protections as bigger banks under 2000 reforms by then-finance minister Paul Martin. National says it will make major investments in its

branch network and employee training this year, as the Quebec-based bank seeks to attract new business and grow market share. Vachon told the annual meeting the bank will complete the simplification and standardization of internal processes and use a new information system. National said such projects are intended to generate immediate gains in client satisfaction, sales growth and cost cutting.

"We believe our current strategic direction is perfectly in tune with an environment of slow growth in a mature market and we are determined to press ahead with our plans," Vachon told the meeting in Montreal.

A copy of his remarks was released by the bank.

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CSA releases new safety guidelines

PROTECTION The Canadian Standards Association has unveiled a new national guideline aimed at protecting workers from becoming injured or dying in confined spaces.

The association says workers in confined spaces like grain silos, mines and hydro vaults can face a vast range of dangers that put them at risk of death or serious injury. CSA president Suzanne Kiraly says workers in many industries must go into confined spaces as part of their jobs and are at risk of suffocation from noxious gases, fire or falls. Would-be rescuers often become victims themselves and account for more than 60 per cent of fatalities in confined-space accidents.

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Spring training in Italy?

Major League Baseball is exploring the possibility of sending two teams to Italy for spring training next year or in 2012. International Baseball Federation president Riccardo Fraccari told The Associated Press Wednesday that MLB officials recently scouted possible sites. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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MLB Preview

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Chone Figgins is a key addition for the Seattle Mariners.

West gets wild in AL

Everybody knows it's status quo in the American League East: Yankees and Red Sox, with the Rays hoping they can reprise their run from two years ago. The Central also features the regular figures — Detroit, Minnesota and the Chicago White Sox — fighting for the division.

It's the AL West that has a whole new look.

The West is hands down the most changed division in baseball with all kinds of switcheroos for 2010. Seattle reloaded and is trying to contend for its first playoff berth since Ichiro Suzuki's sensational rookie season of 2001, when the Mariners won an AL-record 116 games.

Texas plans to be right in the mix, too.

"I think that the AL West is going to beat up on itself," Rangers team president Nolan Ryan said.

Speedster Chone Figgins left the three-time champion Los Angeles Angels for Seattle. Slugger Vladimir

103 The New York Yankees won 103 games last season on the way to their first World Series title since 2000.

Guerrero departed the Angels for Texas. The Oakland Athletics took a big risk and signed \$10-million US ace Ben Sheets after he didn't pitch last year, plus they added Coco Crisp in centre-field.

In the Central, the Twins have lots to celebrate before opening day even arrives. They just locked up star catcher Joe Mauer on a \$184-million US, eight-year contract, perfect timing as the team christens its new open-air ballpark.

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon was thrilled to see Mauer stay put in the Central with the Twins and not join the mighty Yankees or Red Sox.

"We cannot afford that. For us and Toronto and Baltimore, we really appreciate that," he said.

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Rookies to watch

• **RF Jason Heyward, Atlanta:** This 20-year-old made a strong case for the starting job with a stellar spring, picking up where he left off last year. The 2007 first-round pick batted .323 with 17 homers and 63 RBIs in 99 games over three minor league stops last season.

• **CF Austin Jackson, Detroit:** The Tigers got Jackson from the Yankees to replace Curtis Granderson, who they traded to New York in December. Jackson, 23, hit .300 last season at triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre with 23 doubles,

four homers, 65 RBIs and 24 steals.

• **LHP Brian Matusz, Baltimore:** The six-foot-five lefty went 5-2 with a 4.63 ERA in eight starts with the Orioles before they shut him down to limit his innings in his first professional season.

• **LHP Aroldis Chapman, Cincinnati:** The Cuban left-hander brushed aside questions about his control and delivery this spring, dazzling scouts with his 100 m.p.h. fastball and improving slider before being slowed by back trouble. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The Philadelphia Phillies are happy to have Ryan Howard.

Phillies set their sights on third pennant in a row

NATIONAL LEAGUE The only thing the Philadelphia Phillies want from the St. Louis Cardinals is the title of last team to win three straight National League pennants.

Albert Pujols? Heck, the Phils are fine with Ryan Howard. Besides, they boosted their chance of the first NL three-peat since the Cardinals in the 1940s by making the big deal, getting former Blue Jays star Roy Halladay in a trade that sent their playoff ace to Seattle.

"I feel like the desire's more," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "I think that the talent we have on this team, stay healthy, a little luck, we'll be there again."

The 2010 Cardinals aren't conceding anything, though. They brought back Big Mac to help the hitters and gave Matt Holliday a huge deal to keep him paired with Pujols in the lineup.

The Phillies and Cardinals are the class of the league, for sure. But if the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs and Colorado Rockies have their way, neither of those teams will be heading to the World Series come October.

"It's not good enough to win the division or get to the playoffs. It's not going to be good enough this year," Rockies backup first baseman Jason Giambi said.

"I think that the talent we have on this team, stay healthy, a little luck, we'll be there again."

Phillie manager Charlie Manuel

"It's going to be to go to the World Series."

The Phillies again ran away with the NL East, but failed to defend their World Series title. So they traded late-season acquisition Cliff Lee, so brilliant in the playoffs, for Toronto's Halladay, perhaps the best pitcher in baseball. Philadelphia also added Placido Polanco at third base and upgraded its bench.

But getting out of a division that's improved from top to bottom will be a tougher task.

The New York Mets signed slugger Jason Bay, a native of Trail, B.C., to help an anemic offence — but can they stay healthy? The Florida Marlins finally pushed their payroll to more than \$40 million to keep the core of young talent together and the Braves made a host of moves, including bringing in a healthy Troy Glaus and closer Billy Wagner, who is 15 saves shy of 400.

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Francis eager to regain ace form

RECOVERY Jeff Francis is back in his customary spot in the front part of the Colorado Rockies starting rotation, ready to resume a career interrupted by shoulder problems.

Whether or not the left-hander from North Delta, B.C., can pick up where he left off before his troubles began is a key question facing the defending National League wild-card champions. The signs have been mostly positive this spring, but the true answer only starts being revealed next week.

"There's no telling," Francis said in a recent interview. "The only way to know is to get out there and do it. I can stand here all I want and say, 'Yeah I'm going to be the same guy.' If I don't go out and do it, there's no point."

"To me, I just have to get

Injured Canucks

• Twins slugger Justin Morneau is returning from a stress fracture in his back.

• Right-hander Shawn Hill, now of the Toronto Blue Jays, is aiming for a return by June after undergoing a second Tommy John surgery on his elbow last year.

• Left-hander Erik Bedard is making slow but steady progress from shoulder surgery.

• Catcher Russ Martin appears set to open the season with the Los Angeles Dodgers on time next week after missing much of the spring with a groin injury.

out there, get back to that rhythm. Hopefully, it comes back to me and I can be the pitcher I know I am."

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95 Number of home runs hit by the New York Mets last season, the worst in the majors. The Mets are looking to free agent signee Jason Bay to help turn that around, and for David Wright to rebound from only 10 homers last season.

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ERA posted by the Milwaukee Brewers' starting pitchers last season, the highest in the majors. The team signed Randy Wolf to \$29.75-million, three-year deal in the off-season.

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Big money left to help develop paddlers

The 2009 world sprint canoe-kayak championships have left an \$880,000 financial legacy to help develop high-performance paddlers in Atlantic Canada. The event was held on Lake Banook in Dartmouth last August. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Simple as heads or tails

Coin toss will reveal whether Moose get No. 1 pick in Q draft

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Heads they win, tails they don't lose.

That's the way the Halifax Mooseheads are looking at Thursday's coin toss in Montreal that will determine whether they have the No. 1 pick in the QMJHL draft in Drummondville, Que., on June 5.

The Mooseheads and the Baie-Comeau Drakkar — the bottom two teams in the regular season standings — each have a 50-50 chance of picking No. 1. The loser picks No. 2.

"It would be great to have the first overall pick," said Mooseheads head coach and general manager Cam Russell. "Regardless, we're confident we're going to get a good player at one or two

ISS top five

• International Scouting Service's top five prospects for the QMJHL draft:

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3. **D. Dominic Poulin:** Two-

way defenceman without

Fraser's offensive upside.

4. **F. Taylor Burke:** Halifax native projects as a big James Sheppard-type.

5. **F. Stefan Matteau:** His

dad, Stephane, played as a

former NHL teammate of

Mooseheads GM Cam Rus-

sell.

but it would be nice to be on that stage with the No. 1 pick."

The Mooseheads haven't picked No. 1 since the franchise's inaugural season in 1994, when they selected forward Etienne Drapeau. Since then, they haven't drafted higher than fifth and have been inside the top 10 only twice in the past 13 years.

But the Mooseheads

won't miss out on a Sidney Crosby-calibre star if they lose the coin flip. There is no consensus top prospect and scouts vary widely on who they consider the No. 1 pick.

"There's no standout superstar, but there are some good hockey players out there," Russell said. "I've seen a lot of these kids over the past two months and it's a good crop. It's a deep

draft and we're going to get a good player regardless."

The Mooseheads have five picks in the top 37 — an embarrassment of riches that will allow them to replenish their depth chart at all positions.

Getting the No. 1 pick would give the Mooseheads the biggest edge in trade talks if they decide to move down to secure additional assets. That would become a strong option if the Mooseheads believe the prospect they're targeting will still be around later.

"The higher you pick, the more important it is," Russell said.

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No award for Cheverie

Cole Harbour's Marc Cheverie, a Denver Pioneers goaltender, didn't make the cut on Wednesday when the three finalists were announced for the Hobey Baker Award honouring the top player in NCAA men's hockey. Cheverie was among the final 10 nominees announced in March. **METRO HALIFAX**



Cole Harbour McCain's forward Taylor Burke, of Halifax, is one of the top prospects for the QMJHL draft. The Halifax Mooseheads will find out Thursday whether they pick first or second overall.

Dogged by close games, Rainmen looking to change fortunes

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BASKETBALL When crunch time hits, the Halifax Rainmen keep getting crunched.

With a Premier Basketball League playoff spot wrapped up and the first round of the playoffs just a week away, the Rainmen head into their final three regular-season contests trying to find a way to come out on the right side of a close game.

The Rainmen, who visit the Vermont Frost Heaves on Friday and the Buffalo

Stampede on Saturday, have lost four of their past six contests in overtime.

"We're close but we're very, very undisciplined down the stretch," said Rainmen head coach Les Berry. "We've got to tighten our screws ... Not letting other teams score first in overtime and being more disciplined to get better shots when it's crunch time."

The most important matter yet to be determined is Halifax's first-round opponent. The fourth-place squad is 11-6, a game ahead of the fourth-place Vermont Frost



Halifax Rainmen head coach Les Berry.

Heaves, 10-7, and needs to hold down its third-place spot to avoid facing the top-seeded Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry in the best-of-three series.

If the Rainmen win the rest of their games, there is a chance they could catch the second-place Rochester RazorSharks (14-4) to secure home-court advan-

tage in the first round.

"All three of those teams (the Cavalry, RazorSharks and Frost Heaves) are capable of winning a championship," Berry said. "Getting home court would be huge for us."

The Rainmen have not won a game in Vermont in the franchise's three-year history and lost 111-105 in overtime Feb. 28. They expect another close game on Friday and more of the same when the playoffs roll around.

"We're going to be in five-minute games and we have to be better in those five minutes," Berry said.

Sea Dogs' Hoffman named MVP

QMJHL Mike Hoffman of the Saint John Sea Dogs was named QMJHL most valuable player last night in Montreal.

The 20-year-old forward piled up 46 goals and 89

points in 56 games for the first-place club.

Dominic Jalbert of the

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Raptors sink Clippers

NBA RESULTS**Clippers 92 Raptors 114**

Chris Bosh scored 15 of his game-high 34 points in the third quarter as the Toronto Raptors strengthened their post-season chances Wednesday with a 114-92 win over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Bosh gave the Clippers fits all game long, shooting 12-for-17 from the field and 10-for-13 from the free-throw line as the Raptors (37-37) won their second straight game. Bosh added 11 rebounds in the victory, which moved Toronto a full two games ahead of the idle Chicago Bulls for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Andrea Bargnani added 21 points and Sonny Weems 17 for Toronto, which avoided its first four-game home losing streak since December



Toronto Raptors Chris Bosh reaches for an offensive rebound against Los Angeles Clippers Craig Smith Wednesday at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. The Raptors won 114-92.

2008. Hedo Turkoglu had six points and six assists in his second game since being relegated to the bench.

Chris Kaman led the way with 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Clippers.

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Create a classic bathroom

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Many might shudder at the thought of renovating, but oftentimes a room doesn't

need major surgery, just a minor facelift.

Take the bathroom. To keep the often-small room clutter-free, functional and fantastic, just a few slight changes — and some spring cleaning — can lift the spirits of a tired or troubled bathroom with minimal effort. Reinventing the space with a new look can help reinstate a bathroom's

long-forgotten style.

"The bathroom is no longer just a place to wash up," says Karen Kwinter, editor-at-large at Home-makers Magazine. "Decorate at will, with artwork, occasional chairs or stools and treasured accessories."

Take a cursory glance around — which accessories need a boost? It's almost always time for a new shower curtain, since it is a gathering place for mould and germs, and whether it's funky and bright or simple and streamlined, it can add fun or whimsy. Update such counter accents as soap pumps, toothbrush holders and cups with stainless steel or retro statement colours. New towels and a matching bath mat can also cast a fresh look.

Instead of a new coat of paint, Kwinter suggests an entirely different route for walls.

Strategize new organizational methods. Your pedestal sink and framed mirror offers an updated, modern look, yet does little to soothe storage woes. Look around for hidden spaces where you can add storage.

"One of the biggest trends in bathrooms right now is the freestanding tub," said Kwinter, which she called a "classic look with flair."

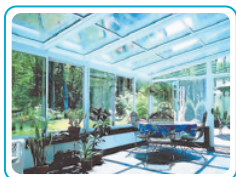
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I always suggest that ceilings be painted white, especially when the walls are a bright colour. A white ceiling is classic and helps to bounce light down into the room keeping it fresh and bright. **KARL LOHNES/FOR METRO CANADA**

Spread spring, outdoors and in

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Sylvia Putz

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Miraculously, it's looks, smells and sounds like spring outside. So, why not bring that delightful sense of spring indoors?

Here's how to shed wintertime heaviness in your home and welcome spring with lightness, airiness and space.

- Clean the windows to let the sun shine in. Screens may also need a scrub to remove dirt.
- On fine days, open the windows and let the mild

spring air breathe new life into your home. Listen to the birds.

- Clean the porch and patio of winter grit and put away snow shovels, sand or salt and other clutter.

• Open up indoor floor space as much as possible. Remove furniture that is not needed or crowded into a small space, as well as piles of magazines, books or papers that have accumulated over the winter.

- Remove heavy, dark-coloured curtains and replace them with lighter sheers or a light-coloured curtain, if possible. If privacy or sun protection is not an issue, consider leaving the windows without window treatments or with just delightfully gauzy sheers. If your curtains or drapes are not changed seasonally, vacuum or launder them to remove wintertime dust.



It looks, smells and sounds like spring these days, why not bring some of that inside?

- If you have heavy, dark-coloured rugs, consider storing them and replacing them with lighter cotton throws, or sisal rugs. If you do not change rugs seasonally, clean them with a non-toxic carpet cleaner.
- Vacuum upholstery. Consider using washable slipcovers in pastel or

bright colours or summery botanical or other prints, especially if you have dark-coloured or wooly-looking upholstered furniture. Also replace warm, "fuzzy" throw cushions and throws with light-weight alternatives in summery shades.

- Wipe ceiling fans to

avoid dispersing dust accumulated over the winter.

- Dust thoroughly, including baseboards and behind and underneath furniture.

• Clean vents on air conditioning vents or window units.

- Bring fragrant and colourful spring flowers in-

to the home, including forced tulips, narcissus, daffodils, or hyacinths.

- Replace flannel or dark-coloured bedding with lighter cottons, preferably in light patterns or shades. Similarly, use towels in spring pastels in the bathrooms. In the kitchen, consider sparkling new tea towels.

• Decor should be light and colourful. Consider glass vases, bowls of lemons or citrus fruits, bright plates with floral or other summery patterns.

- Once the weather has become consistently warmer, wash or launder and put away winter coats, hat, scarves, gloves and boots. Clean and store them in waterproof containers or coverings.

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Move over beige, colour is back

DecorMoment

Karl Lohnes

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The nice surprise about the new trend colours for 2010 is that colour is actually on its way! We've had many years of beige, brown and taupe as the trend colours in home decor. Those neutral colours are now taking a step back and allowing beautiful bright oranges, blues and greens to emerge into the home. Perhaps it has a lot of to do with our mending economy or the amazing colourful costumes we saw while watching the Olympics, but I know that I am certainly ready to add a little vibrancy to my beige walls!

Here is a list of the hottest paint colours for 2010:

- Cedar Green, 2034-40: Fresh, crisp and inviting, this green helps to update and add life to all those lighter-toned neutrals in the home.

- August Morning, 2156-40: A cheery, mid-tone orange with a bit of yellow to create a happy, yet sophisticated ambience. Helps to update tired golden wood tones in flooring,

Decorator tip

- Choose one wall and paint it a bright colour to create a focal wall. A focal wall is the wall that your eye first goes to when you enter a room. In the living room it is always the wall that the fireplace or television is on; in the bedroom it is the wall the headboard sits against. In the bathroom it's the wall the mirror and in the kitchen it is the sink wall.

cabinetry or furniture.

- Violetta, AF-615: Rich, elegant and luxurious colour that when teamed with chocolate brown and deep grey can look masculine, while matched with pale pinks, greens and soft neutral tones, can take a feminine side. This colour instantly updates all the chocolate brown furnishings that have been so popular over the past few years. It's hip, yet elegant.

- Blueberry, 2063-30: A vibrant and lux blue that isn't too dark. A colour that will easily update gold, white, black or red furnishings to give a room the elegant look of Hollywood Regency. I suggest using paint finish with a lot of shine for a glamorous look.

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Flowering inspirations

Designers are once again fixated by blooms

Along with crocuses and daffodils comes another surefire sign of spring: Florals in fashion.

The garden-party look is a seasonal classic, but there's been some updating this season. Look for artistic — almost abstract — brush-stroke technique, or realistic, photo-style prints. Other twists include tulip-style hemlines and fabric petals adorning everything from tank tops to ballgowns.

Flowers, say designers, are an endless source of inspiration because of their delicacy, femininity and beauty. And it turns out many fashion insiders are gardeners (or aspiring gardeners), too.

Designers who are offering florals in their spring collections discuss their favourite flowers:

Carmen Marc Valvo

Flowers creep into his clothes all the time, but there have been two specific flower-themed runway shows. One came after his treatment for cancer six years ago. He saw the re-birth of his peony trees as a hopeful sign, so he used pinks, chiffon petals and "dewdrops" of crystals. A few years later he blew up Georgia O'Keeffe-style flowers as prints.

"I was fixated by the way petals moved and I started playing with organza like an origami rose," Valvo says.

Tracy Reese

Peonies are also a favourite for Reese. She says she likes that they evolve from such a compact ball into lovely layers as they blossom. They're also such a welcome sign of sunny days ahead after a long winter, Reese adds.

In her work, though, Reese doesn't restrict herself to springtime blooms. Many of her fall collections — including the one just

previewed at New York Fashion Week — will incorporate florals.

"It's hard to point to a season where we haven't used flowers for something — either shape, colour, print," she says.

Shoshanna Lonstein

Lonstein recently tossed the holiday paperwhites and moved on to cut gardenias and honeysuckle in the spirit of spring. Later in the season, the hydrangeas she planted will blossom — she loves having their cut flowers in the house.

All her collections have florals, including one lily of the valley print that was fashioned after her wedding bouquet. She says florals look chic and sophisticated when they're anchored with black or on tailored pieces.

"You don't want too much fabric," she advises. "Try sleeveless or the top part of dress that's floral with a black skirt or vice versa. If you pull one colour out of the print and stick with it for the rest of the outfit, you'll have a nice balance."

Michael Smaldone, creative director at Talbots

"I'm a pink guy, but my favourite flower is an orange poppy," says Smaldone. "I love how they're both wild — with ugly leaves and hairy stems — and have a beautiful delicate flower."

His thumb is pretty green, he says. "I like to get as tropical as I can in a non-tropical location. My garden is very green, organic and has things with big leaves."

He turned to a brush-stroke floral print for Talbots' spring line, though, because he thought that approach was very optimistic — something the fashion world needs right now.

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Michael Smaldone, the creative director at Talbots, turned to brush-stroke floral prints to add "optimism" to the brand's spring line. Pictured left: Rose-print saten dress, Talbots, \$169

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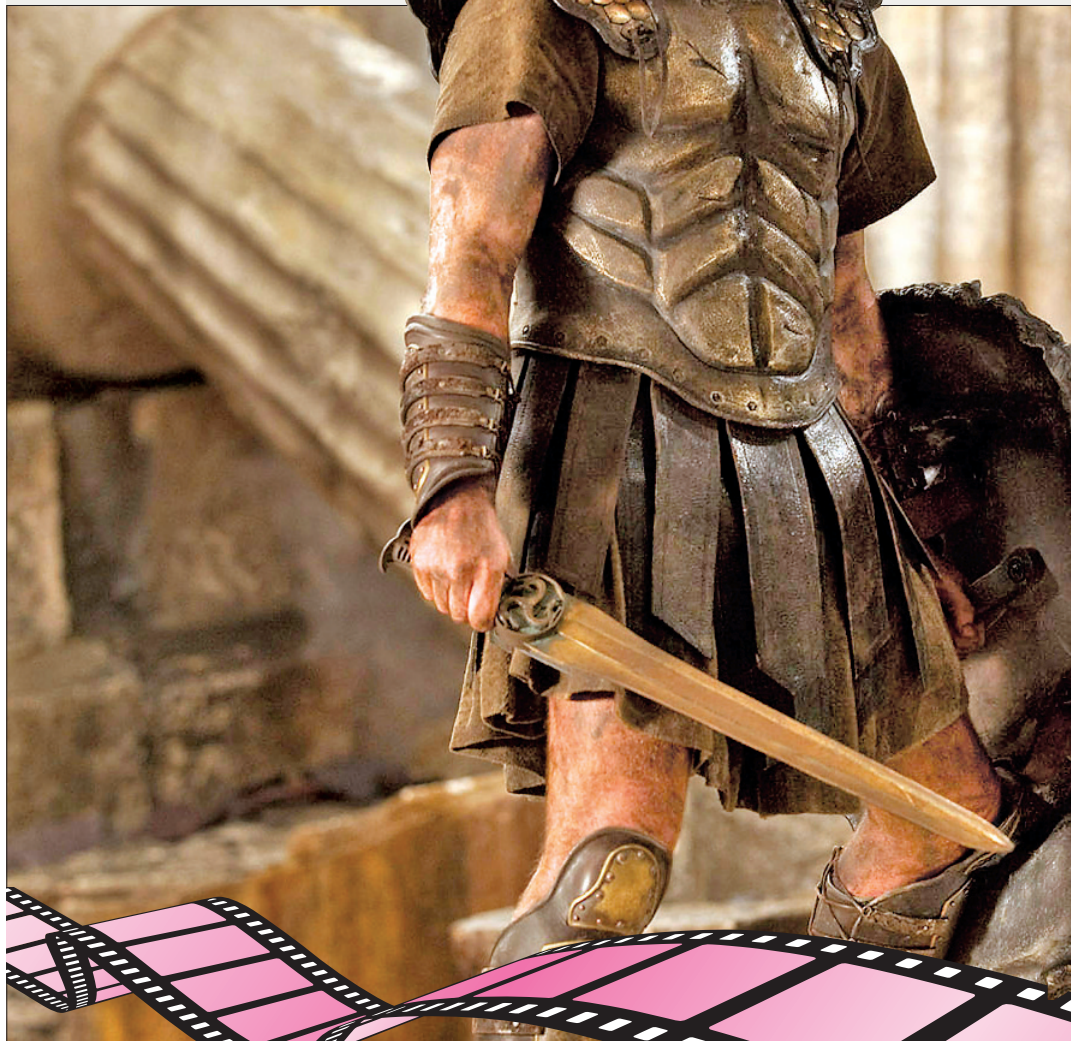
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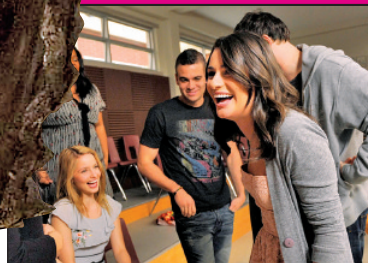
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Dare to go on a Date?

Fey, Carell join forces to fire up couple comedy

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Movie feature

To hear *Date Night* director Sean Levy tell it, Tina Fey and Steve Carell have been looking for a project to do together for a while, but the comedy stars insist that isn't the case.

"That must be in some sort of press release. We've gotten that a lot, that we've been looking for this project," Carell says. "When Sean asked both of us about this, he's the first person

that put us together in theory. And we both jumped at the chance to do it. It seemed like a good idea. And I think it was."

Fey, however, is a little more hesitant, wanting to wait until the movie is released to give a verdict. "We'll see," she says.

Of course, with the success of their shows — Fey has numerous Emmys and Golden Globes as both an actress and a writer for

Tina Fey and Steve Carell find themselves on a night-out from hell in *Date Night*.

30 Rock, while Carell is a four-time Emmy nominee for *The Office* — they seem like an obvious choice for an on-screen pairing.

In *Date Night*, Fey and Carell star as a couple trying to put the spark back in their marriage on a night out in New York that goes horribly wrong.

And while their film deals with what helps a marriage succeed, the stars — both happily married — are hesi-

tant to offer advice of their own.

"We don't want to pretend to be marriage experts," Fey says. "If I was in a movie about a hospital, I would not give medical advice."

But Carell is willing to give it a try. "As a person who has been married for a while, I would say what works for my wife and I is to just communicate and let each other know consis-

tently in very subtle ways that we care and that we're there for each other," he says.

"I don't think it's so much the big grand gestures, but it's kind of the little things that thread through a relationship. At least for us."

As for dating, it's something Fey says she doesn't miss at all.

"I've been on very few dates in real life, really very

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few," she says. "I went on a couple of high school dates where I ended up either hiding or pretending to be asleep because I didn't want to make out with the boy."

Both actors admit that their success on TV and in film has raised their profiles, but Carell still doesn't really consider himself famous.

"I don't walk around feeling famous, that's for sure," he says. "I feel like I work and I go home and I'm with my family, and I hang out with them most of the time. I think I'm a little shy."

For Fey, being recognizable can be both good and bad.

"It's not a constant problem by any means," she says. "You kind of wish you could turn it on and off, like if you could be recognized when you're trying to get into a restaurant, and then turn it off when you're going out to buy, like, acne cream."

Date Night opens next Friday

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Sam Worthington, right, plays the god-defying Perseus in the remake of Clash of The Titans.

3-D seals Titans' fate

Clash of The Titans

Director: Louis Leterrier
Stars: Sam Worthington, Ralph Fiennes
Classification: 14A
Rating: **

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News

Remakes are a dangerous business, and more often than not they serve as cautionary tales. Clash of the Titans follows this less-than-proud tradition, updating what's become something of a camp classic with a lifeless dirge.

The tale of young Perseus (Sam Worthington) leading

a band of soldiers on a quest to save the people of ancient Greece from the wrath of the gods is told in plodding, self-serious tones, with our heroes literally walking from one action set piece to another.

This is the third blockbuster Worthington has fronted in less than a year (after Avatar and Terminator Salvation); and if he doesn't crack a smile in one, he'll soon risk overstaying his welcome.

Even as a big effects movie, Clash of the Titans comes up short. While the giant scorpions and the fearsome Kraken look pretty nifty, the digital effects for Medusa wouldn't be acceptable in a video game.

And many of the big battles are shot so quickly and frenetically, it's hard to tell what's going on — or which toga-clad soldier just got run through with pincer.

That's not to even mention to 3-D aspect. The film was hastily converted in post-production to 3-D after the success of Avatar, and that hastiness shows.

If anything, Clash of the Titans serves as the best example of why 3-D movies should be made that way from the start. If you must see Clash of the Titans, see it in 2-D.

• For a trailer of Clash of The Titans, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

Max Manus epic entertainment

Max Manus

Directors: Joachim Ronning, Espen Sandberg
Stars: Aksel Hennie
Classification: STC
Rating: ****

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW Though the title might suggest a movie about a eurotrash superhero, Max Manus is in fact a Norwegian war film about a resistance fighter who is legendary in his native land. Maximo Guillermo Manus (what a name!) joined the war early to help Finland fight off the Russians and soon became an undercover agent in Norway during the occupation.

Max sabotaged the Nazis at an impressively consistent rate, blowing up ships, destroying important documents, and escaping capture regularly. His story is well known in Norway where the film smashed box office records and it should be a pleasant surprise for unsuspecting North American audiences as well.

Max Manus is reminiscent of last year's Danish war drama Flame And Citron, which also focused on resistance fighters. But



Norway's war hero makes for a crowd pleaser in Max Manus.

while that movie was dark and depressing, Max Manus is a rousing crowd pleaser.

Max is a classic movie hero and watching him fight on the battlefield or in the streets offers sheer cinematic joy. The film plays as a popcorn thriller for the most part and it's obvious why it was so successful in Europe. When Max's friends start to drop off like flies in the last act and he begins to lose his sanity, the filmmakers elevate the material above the bang-bang thrills, making this a surprisingly rewarding and complex little movie.

The film is the first major production from co-directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg and they prove themselves to be stylish and adept filmmakers with a future.

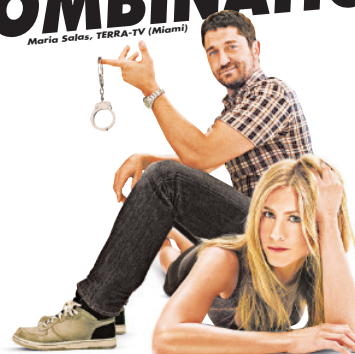
A distracting love story slows down Max and the film at times, but given that Manus' widow is still alive and advised on the movie, her presence is understandable. Though Max Manus doesn't exactly break new ground in the well-worn Second World War action genre, it is an impressive and entertaining film that deserves attention.

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It's back to the cheesy '80s in Steve Pink's comedy *Hot Tub Time Machine*.

New City and Colour EP

City and Colour will release a limited edition EP titled *Live at the Orange Lounge*, on April 17 for Record Store Day, an annual event where record stores and artists celebrate the art of music. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Music

Wilson aims for return to the top

LABELS Gretchen Wilson the country singer has a lot riding on her new record, *I Got Your Country Right Here*.

But Gretchen Wilson the CEO has much more on the line. Wilson has taken the ultimate gamble as she prepares to launch her fourth album.

The 36-year-old Grammy winner split with Sony and started her own record label, the aptly named Redneck Records. It's been a long journey since the release of 2007's *One of the Boys*.

The decision to split with Sony has given her a new sense of empowerment, though. She says it's taken a lot of energy and a lot of time, but it feels wonderful to work for herself and to be in control of everything.

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Julian enjoys solo route

Strokes frontman having fun performing without his band

KUMAR SAHA
Metro Canada

Julian Casablancas is having a lot of fun without The Strokes. Maybe even more fun.

"It's the less cooks in the kitchen thing. It's a little more laidback," the iconic New York band's frontman tells Metro over the phone while en route to a taping of NBC's *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon*.

You can't blame the 31-year-old rocker for being mildly chirpy about going solo. Released last fall, his debut album *Phrazes for The Young* found a warm critical reception. And right before he kickstarted his current North American tour, which includes a stop in Toronto tomorrow, his profile received a solid boost from an unlikely quarter — a spoofy viral video.

The Boombox clip, featuring a guest spot from Casablancas for a song by comedian Andy Samberg's band *Lonely Island*, made its debut on Saturday Night Live earlier this month and sent the blogosphere abuzz with praise for not just its loving send-up of '80s subculture but also for Casablancas' equally goofy performance.



Julian Casablancas' debut *Phrazes for The Young* was received warmly by music critics.

It all seems like a blast now but Casablancas' solitary effort was not born out of the most breezy circumstances.

"Two years after the last Strokes record (2006's *First Impressions of Earth*) when we were kind of getting together to do something again, I think three people in the band were working on solo records," Casablancas says. "I wouldn't say I

was mad. But I didn't want to do a Strokes record under those circumstances ... they weren't really present, you know."

Absentee bandmates proved to be the perfect opportunity for Casablancas to explore his love for the rhythms of the "late '70s-early '80s" on his own terms. "I have lots of subconscious memories from the '80s. Sonically, I was go-

ing for (that). But musically I was probably more influenced by bands like *Hot Chip*," explains Casablancas.

The synth-driven sounds of the record were pretty clear in his head and Casablancas did not want to enlist producers who would simply enforce their ideas on his songs. But, in Jason Lader and Bright Eyes' Mike Mogis,

"I have lots of subconscious memories from the '80s. Sonically, I was going for (that). But musically I was probably more influenced by bands like *Hot Chip*."

Julian Casablancas

Casablancas found the collaborators who could facilitate exactly what he was looking for.

"They were just great. If you described something they could just nail it," Casablancas says.

Despite the solo success and recent reports about The Strokes working on their fourth album without their vocalist, Casablancas has good news for fans — he is still committed to the band that has launched a thousand imitators since 2001's rock-reviving *Is This It*. He admits that the group's dynamics "are better now than they have been in a long time" and the album — slated for a late 2010-early 2011 release — is making progress.

"It's about halfway done, I guess. It's crawling there," Casablancas says.

TOP 10 RINGTONES

- 1 BedRock Young Money
- 2 Rude Boy Rihanna
- 3 Nothin' On You B.o.B.
- 4 Stylo Gorillaz
- 5 Say Ahh Trey Songz
- 6 Telephone Lady Gaga
- 7 Need You Now Lady Antebellum
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ROGERS

Usher pours heart out over breakup

Usher

Album: *Raymond v Raymond*

Label: Sony Music

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

WHEN USHER

FILED for divorce last June from Tameka Foster, it was a no brainer that his album would end up dealing with his messy split. The R&B superstar pours his heart out all over this smooth sounding disc, but especially on the soft, gut-wrenching track *Papers* where he says, "I'm ready to sign them papers ... I done took all I can take." Other songs deal with his newfound bachelorhood — on *So Many Girls* the singer doesn't mince words, "The king is back," he says defiantly, then repeats the song's title over and over again. Usher is



clearly enjoying the single life.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Erykah Badu

Album: *New Amerykah Part Two: Return of the Ankh*

Label: Universal

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ½

NO MATTER

WHAT type of

music

Erykah

Badu

makes, it's

her eclectic voice that

people really want to

hear. It helps, though,

when the music is good.

Fortunately, she's had a

pretty solid track record

and her latest is another

exciting listen. Badu's

fifth LP isn't, fortunately,

nearly as heavy as its

predecessor — this album

is filled with light, airy

soul tunes about love.

However, she's still not



writing conventional songs — opener *20 Feet Tail* is a dreamy keyboard track with a repetitive vocal melody, while *Agitation's* jazz-meets-soul combo is a must-hear.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Huron

Album: *Huron*

Label: Latent

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

KING-SIZE RIFF

rock with a rootsy edge from a Hamilton band that's screaming to be heard. If the double guitar intro on opening track *The Biggest Dig* doesn't send you reeling, then you're just not playing it loud enough. Huron has been hiding out at Toronto's *Dakota Tavern* for the past few months playing some big buzz



shows with indie rock lord Ian Blurton. Guitarists Aaron Goldstein and Cam Malcolm have also been learning the ropes with Tom Wilson's Lee Harvey Osmond. The *Cowboy Junkies* like them enough to put Huron's debut on their own *Latent* label. It's time to start taking these guys seriously, in a big way.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Love Is All

Album: *Two Thousand and Ten Injuries*

Label: Polyvinyl

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

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THIRD LP,

Love Is All

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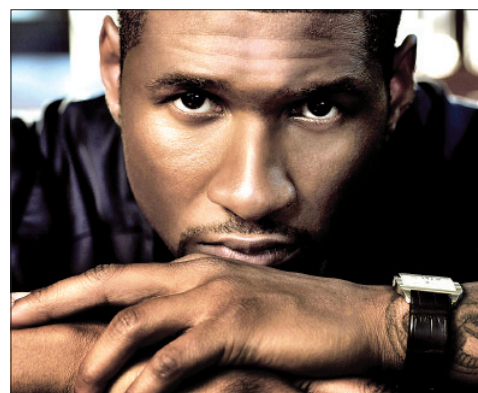
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spirit, but there's some-

thing different now. The

Gothenburg-based Swedes



Raymond v Raymond is the first album from Usher since his divorce.

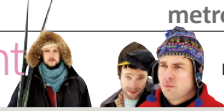
are still led by front-woman Josephine Olausson's bubblegum pep and sentimental silliness, but the noisy climaxing sparked by the spiky guitars, skronking sax and feverish rhythms has yielded way to a newfound confidence in how they're arranging songs. There's a laidback dubby tilt to *False Pretense*, a patient approach to using

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crescendos on *Never Now* and *A Side in a Bed* plays like a new-wave-infused lullaby. More than anything, *Two Thousand and Ten Injuries* shows *Love Is All* are an anomaly in the oversaturated post-punk homage biz.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada



Plants and Animals are streaming new album La La Land (out April 20) via secretcityrecords.com, with one twist — they'll be revealing the album in stages, offering new tracks every few days. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Entertainment in brief

INDUCTION Michael Jackson and Aretha Franklin are being inducted into the Apollo Theater's hall of fame in New York City. The late King of Pop and the Queen of Soul will be honoured with the Apollo Legends Hall of Fame on June 14 at the

historic Harlem theatre. Jackson first performed at the Apollo at its Amateur Night with his brothers in the late 1960s. They won, and their career as the Jackson Five was launched. Franklin is scheduled to attend the cere-

mony. Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony will also be honoured with the theatre's arts and humanitarian award. Past hall of fame inductees include Quincy Jones, Patti LaBelle and Ella Fitzgerald.

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Music in bloom

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

With tulips in bloom and allergies in the air, here's the second half of a look at some major rock releases coming this spring.

Sea of Cowards, The Dead Weather (May 7): Jack White's other OTHER band (the one where he's the drummer) just released the first single, Die by the Drop, about 10 days ago. Jack also has notions of making more music with Meg in the White Stripes, another Raconteurs record, a project with Jay-Z and producing an album for his wife, Karen Elson. Dude, take a vacation.

Diamond Eyes, Deftones (May 18): With bass play-

er Chi Cheng still trying to recover from injuries sustained in a horrible car accident in November 2008, the band elected to shelve the album they were working on with him — temporarily, they hope — and moved on with a project featuring Quicksand bass player Sergio Vega. Fans have been most impressed by what they've heard so far.

Stone Temple Pilots, Stone Temple Pilots (May 25): Many people — myself included — didn't give this reunion a hope in hell of lasting much longer than the obligations surrounding a tour that began almost two years ago. Yet STP has hung together long enough to record its first album since 2001. The first single, Between the Lines, is my favourite rock single of 2010 so far.

Songs of Ascent, U2 (June 17): With the 360 tour set to restart on June 3, U2 may have a new album to work into its set. Those

hoping for a shift back to the band's classic sound after No Line on the Horizon may be in for a disappointment. Bono has been quoted as saying this album features a "marked shift in sound" and is a "reflective, meditative piece of work." If the rumoured June 1 release date is correct — no guarantees — we should see a single very soon. But other rumours suggest that we'll get a single in June with a full album in September.

Meanwhile, U2 fans can sort through Artificial Horizon (May 14), a collection of remixes of No Line on the Horizon songs created by artists such as Trent Reznor and Hot Chip, the British electronic outfit. There's also the possibility of a DVD of last year's YouTube-streamed show in Pasadena on May 21. And did I mention the Achtung Baby deluxe reissue that may hit stores in September?

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Rivers and Newton to bring 'new' faces to TV

Joan Rivers and Wayne Newton are just two of the new faces coming to WE TV's new slate of programming. Rivers will star alongside her daughter, Melissa Rivers, in *Mother Knows Best*, and Newton in a show called *Wayne's World*. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television**You can just call it 'Loi et Ordre'**

CAMEO Isabelle Huppert is poised to join the ranks of acclaimed French actresses who have graced *Law&Order: Special Victims Unit*.

According to series executive producer Neal Baer, Huppert is expected to guest star in the NBC drama's season finale as the mother of a kidnapped child.

The episode airs April 28.

Huppert is among the most-nominated actors ever in France's annual César competition, which is comparable to the Academy Awards. She was head of the Cannes Film Festival jury last year.

Leslie Caron and Jeanne Moreau also have appeared on *Law&Order: Special Victims Unit*.

Anna Nicole part of horsey history

DISPLAY Two dresses that the late Anna Nicole Smith wore to the Kentucky Derby will be displayed at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Smith died of an accidental overdose three years ago at a Florida hotel.

Louisville station WAVE-TV says the dresses will be on temporary display and are on loan from Larry Birkhead, who is from Louisville and has a daughter with Smith.

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Glee, Modern Family pick up Peabodies

The winners of the 2009 Peabody Awards, announced Wednesday, include the ABC sitcom Modern Family, Fox network's Glee, CBS's The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and HBO's The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency.

The awards recognize achievement and public service by TV and radio stations, networks, producing organizations, individuals and the Internet.

Other winners include the BBC's dramatic reconstruction *The Day that Lehman Died* and National Public Radio's website.

"To those who say all media content is the same, or presented from a single perspective, we offer this great range of material as a response," said Horace Newcomb, director of the Peabody Awards, in a statement.

"Our selections demonstrate that great work available in 2009 varied widely and appealed to viewers and listeners with very different tastes, interests and concerns," he said.

An award ceremony for the 69th annual Peabody Awards will be held May



The cast of *Glee* — seen in this file photo from last December — will be glad to hear the show won a 2009 Peabody Award.

17 in New York.

It will be hosted by ABC World News anchor Diane Sawyer, who will receive an award for *A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains*, a documentary shot in Appalachia.

Announcing the awards, Cully Clark, dean of UGA's

Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, said *Modern Family*, which follows the ups and downs of an extended family, "reinvents the situation comedy."

Other shows recognized with a Peabody included *Glee*, a musical dramedy

about the members of a high school singing club; *In Treatment*, HBO's therapy drama; and *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, a series about a female detective in Botswana based on the novels by Alexander McCall Smith.

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The winners

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- *A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains* (ABC)
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- *BBC World News America: Unique Broadcast, Unique Perspective*
- *The Cost of Dying* (CBS)
- *Independent Lens: Between the Folds* (PBS)
- *Glee* (FOX)
- *npr.org* (National Public Radio)
- Diane Rehm (personal award)
- *The Day that Lehman Died* (BBC World Service)
- *Inventing LA: The Chandelers and Their Times* (PBS)
- *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* (HBO)
- *Sabotaging the System* (CBS)
- *Brick City* (Sundance Channel)
- *Thrilla in Manila* (HBO)
- *FRONTLINE: The Madoff Affair* (PBS)
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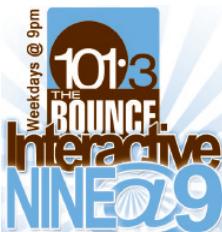


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Television

Big performances from Idol's top 10

But no sweet love from Simon for Tim

Andrew Garcia and Lee Dewyze are back in the American Idol judges' good graces.

After a string of lacklustre performances, 24-year-old musician Garcia of Moreno, Calif., finally wowed the panel with a stripped-down rendition of Chris Brown's *Forever*, while 23-year-old paint sales clerk Dewyze of Mount Prospect, Ill., treated the Fox singing competition Tuesday to a rock 'n' roll take on the Cornelius Brothers' *Treat Her Like a Lady*.

Simon Cowell told Dewyze: "I want you tonight to go home, watch the show back and understand this is the night your life may have changed forever."

The sour British judge was also generous — in a

"Go home, watch the show back and understand this is the night your life may have changed forever."

Simon Cowell, to Lee Dewyze

totally different way — to a giggling Tim Urban.

After weeks of scathing critiques, Cowell practically surrendered to the seemingly unstoppable shaggy-haired 20-year-old college student from Duncanville, Texas, after his uninspired rendition of Anita Baker's *Sweet Love*.

"He's laughing because I don't think it makes any difference whatsoever what we say," said Cowell. Crystal Bowersox, the

earthy 24-year-old musician from Toledo, Ohio, traded her guitar and bare feet for a piano and high heels on Gladys Knight and the Pips' *Midnight Train to Georgia*.

Kara DioGuardi praised her because she "took that risk," while Ellen DeGeneres deemed it a "wonderful, wonderful idea."

The reception wasn't as warm, unlike previous weeks, for 20-year-old glass blower Siobhan Magnus of Marston Mills, Mass. DeGeneres and DioGuardi panned Magnus for being nervous during Chaka Khan's *Through the Fire*.

Cowell, meanwhile, said Magnus's signature wailing was waning on him.

"I am getting bored of the screaming at the end," said Cowell.

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At least he's not lip-synching ... yet

Despite widespread speculation that Justin Bieber would sing live on American Idol this week, the singer will actually tape a performance that will air later this season. **TVGUIDE.COM**

**Going Out****Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot**1 Elementary School Scarface**

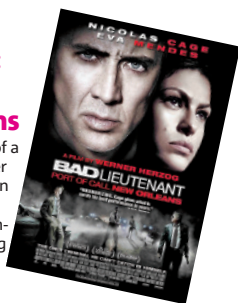
INTERNET It turns out an elementary school adaptation of the Al Pacino classic *Scarface* — which was posted on YouTube (check it out at metronews.ca/metrotube) — was actually a planned production by the team behind Lady Gaga's *Poker Face* video. TMZ reported the discovery, but it still doesn't take away from oddness of watching a kid playing Tony Montana.

2 Ricky Martin

POP CULTURE The singer revealed perhaps the worst-kept secret in the world by officially announcing on his website that he is a "fortunate homosexual." The father of twin boys is quoted as saying he feels "stronger than ever" after making the announcement.

3 Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans

DVD Nicolas Cage's portrayal of a crooked cop in director Warner Herzog film will be available on DVD come Tuesday. Real cinephiles will be quick to compare it to the 1992 film starring Harvey Keitel that Herzog adapted for this production.

**4 April Fool's Day**

POP CULTURE This is perhaps the only day other than Halloween when it's permitted to play tricks on people and get away with it (check out the story below for ideas). The origins of the day go way back to the Middle Ages, but radio stations and phoney news items seem to be the *de rigueur* way of marking the event these days.

5 Chocolate

FOOD Just in time for Easter, a German new study is suggesting small doses of chocolate every day could decrease your risk of having a heart attack or stroke by nearly 40 per cent.

**6 Kate Gosselin**

TELEVISION Two weeks into *Dancing with the Stars* and reality-TV's most infamous mom is still toe-tapping — surviving a rough patch that included a row with her dance partner. Is it an attempt by show producers to boost ratings, or is Gosselin a Ginger Rogers in the making?

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Gordon Lightfoot

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

The legendary singer-songwriter is in the midst of a lengthy North American tour with Halifax his only Nova Scotian stop. Lightfoot will be playing hits from his decades in the music industry. Tickets are \$72.

The Comedy of Errors

When: Thursday through Saturday
Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre

This production of *DalTheatre* takes a crack at Shakespeare's wacky farce that is also a haunting tale about reunion with your missing piece. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.

Yuk Yuk's Comedy

When: Thursday through Saturday
Where: Westin Nova Scotia

Well-known stand-up comic Peter White will headline the show and be out to have you laughing out of your seat. Also performing are Francois Weber and Parris Parker. Tickets are \$12 on Thursday and \$18 for adults on Friday and Saturday.

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The Perrys Good Friday Concert

When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: Bella Rose Arts Centre

If you love Gospel music southern-style, then this will be the show for you as this group is visiting Halifax from Morristown, Tennessee. Tickets are \$25 and \$20.

Like mother, like daughter

When Madonna needed inspiration for her latest fashion collection, she didn't have to look far. The pop icon teamed up with her daughter Lourdes, 13, to create *Material Girl*, a juniors' clothing line that debuts at Macy's this fall.

The collection includes jeans, shoes, fingerless gloves, necklaces and other accessories. Many of the pieces are inspired by Madonna and her daughter's dance roots.

Madonna recently spoke about *Material Girl*, Lourdes (a.k.a. Lola) and her fashion risks and regrets.

Q Why did you want to do a juniors' line?

A Lola has been bothering me for ages about designing

clothes. Stella McCartney is a good friend of mine and she got her mind thinking when Lola was a little girl, about eight years old. She started giving Lola fabrics and inviting her into her showroom and asking her opinion on things, giving her sketch books and stuff like that ... The last two tours I have done, (Lola) has been working in the wardrobe department. On this last tour she dressed all of the dancers.

Q What has Lola taught you about fashion?

A I am boring, basically. She reminds me of me when I was younger. She just goes for it and tries different things. It doesn't look like she thought too much

about it. That is how I used to be, but after years and years of everybody commenting on the way I look and dress and being photographed, one starts to become self-conscious and starts to plan things more.

Q What has it been like to work with your daughter?

A It is good because she does have good taste in fashion. I respect her taste and I rarely disagree with her.

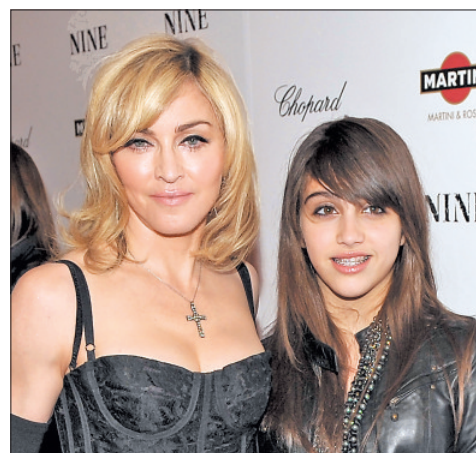
Q Was part of you hesitant about Lola designing this line as she would be thrust into the spotlight?

A That is why I am here talking about the line and she is

not. Eventually I will let her. I feel like she needs to get into high school and focus on her studies, her lessons. She got into the high school of the performing arts. She has a lot of work to do. I don't want her to be distracted. She will eventually be able to talk about it. I am going to be happy when she does because she can speak much more clearly and in a more informed way than I can about a line she is ultimately designing.

Q The clothing is affordable. Why was it important to you to keep the price low?

A When I was 13 years old, I couldn't afford designer clothes. I couldn't afford expensive clothing. When



Madonna and her 13-year-old daughter Lourdes.

I designed a line of clothes for H&M, that was one of the things I liked so much about it, that it was really affordable. I think that is one of the nice things about it, that you can make nice clothes at affordable prices.

Q You are known as being a fashion risk taker. Do you ever

look back and wonder, "What was I thinking?"

A Yeah. I would rather not point them out. I think I had a lot of bad hair moments. In the early '80s just sometimes I wore purple lipstick or green lipstick. Clothing-wise, I am happy about the way I dressed.

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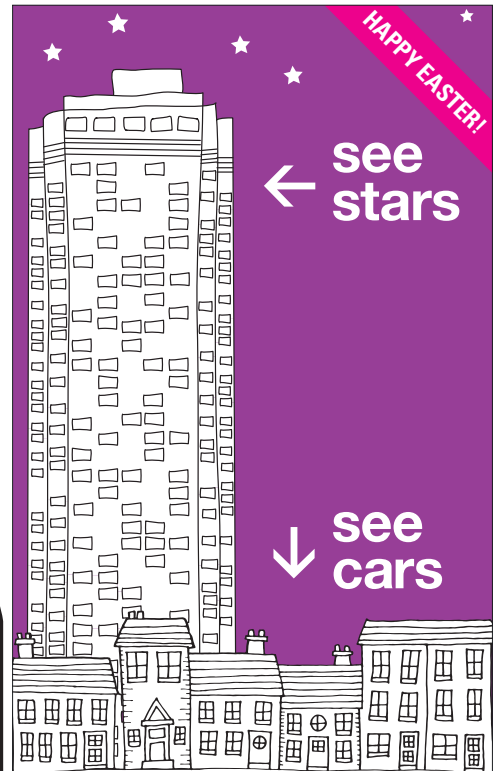
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The mussels are large and sweet, with choices of several sauces.

The salad bar includes a wide variety such as cucumber, olives, beans and potatoes.

The Grilled Tatamagouche Leg of Lamb (on a special menu for \$40 including dessert) is tasty and tender and comes on a bed of herbed spaetzle (German noodles) with asparagus.

The Seafood Pie is on

the same list of specials — a flaky crust over a delicious seafood assortment.

The Blackened Haddock (\$37) tastes fresh and has a spicy kick, served with rice, asparagus and shrimp gumbo.

Five Fishermen Bouillabaisse (\$36) is loaded with seafood, shrimp, scallops, haddock and halibut, plus a few potatoes and carrots. The sauce is rich and flavourful.

The famous Quebec specialty, Pudding Chomeur, is our favourite dessert, and, oh, so sweet. What a meal.



Grilled Tatamagouche Leg of Lamb (\$40).

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of Pimp My Banana Bread. (Banana Bread with Mango, Maple Yogurt and Toasted Almonds)



Garrison Brewing gets gold medals

BEER WINNERS Halifax's Garrison Brewing Co. recently won gold medals for its Imperial I.P.A. and its Irish Red Ale at the 2010 World Beer Championships in Chicago. Garrison's Hopyard Pale Ale and its Winter Warmer took silver medals at the global brew-off.

NSCC team wins at Culinary Expo

CHEF WINNERS A team from NSCC Akerley campus, led by Sean Kettley, won the junior division at the Atlantic Culinary Expo in Charlottetown.

A team from the Prince George and Holiday Inn Harbourview Hotels, under the leadership of Luis Clavel, was tops in the senior division.

Elmsdale woman wins 50 wine bottles

WINE WINNER Lynda Carter of Elmsdale is the proud owner of 50 bottles of Nova Scotia wine thanks to her visit to Jost Vineyards on Valentine's Day.

The Nova Scotia Wine Cellar contest was a new component of this year's Winter Icewine Festival.

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Dining out

TEMPEST RESTAURANT in Wolfville has just rolled out a new spring menu featuring fresh local products, sustainable seafood and seasonal recipes: Haddock Chowder, Indian Point Mussels, Lobster Risotto and more. For more information go to

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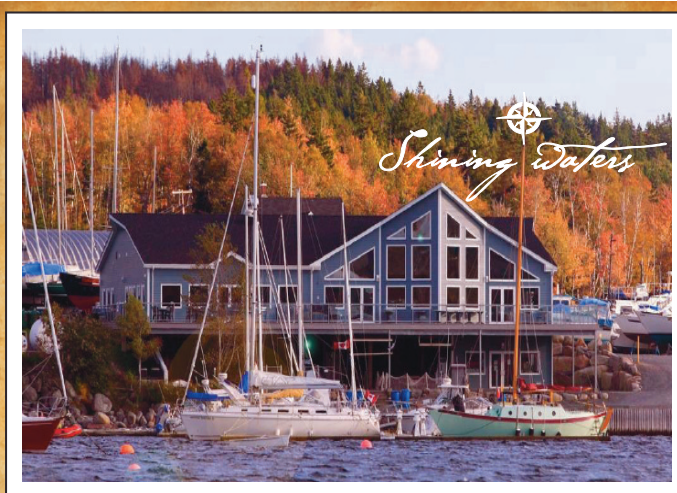
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Sarah Palin loves Cool James, but the feeling isn't mutual. Rap legend and actor LL Cool J is featured in promos for Palin's FOX News show, but he says the network never asked him to participate, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

He's ah-live!

OR AT LEAST HE WAS WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL Michael Jackson did have a detectable heartbeat when he reached the hospital, according to TMZ.

The revelation contradicts Jackson

family lawyer Brian Oxman's claim that the singer was dead before paramedics even arrived at his home. Oxman insists the detectable heartbeat was due to doctors' resuscitation efforts and nothing else.

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Time to look inside

A BOTTLE OF VODKA? A HANDFUL OF PILLS? THE DEMISE OF YOUR CAREER? NO, LOOK INSIDE YOURSELF. Celebrity Rehab host Dr. Drew Pinsky is worried about Lindsay Lohan.

"I have had a very bad feeling for a while that Lindsay is going to have a major injury. I fear for her," he tells Radar Online.

"If the reports are true that

she is taking pills, I would love to know who is prescribing them to her. Who are you and why are you prescribing pills to Lindsay?"

"I have always said that Lindsay Lohan can be a wonderful, recovering person, provided she gets treatment and successfully completes rehab."

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If Tiger's taught us anything

IT'S THAT SEX REHAB MAKES WIVES THINK THEY'VE REALLY CHANGED While the aftermath of his alleged cheating scandal plays out in the press, leaving his marriage to Sandra Bullock in question, Jesse James has entered a rehab facility in Arizona, according to People magazine.

"Jesse checked himself into a treatment fa-

cility to deal with personal issues," his rep says in a statement.

"He realized that this time was crucial to help himself, help his family and help save his marriage."

The type of treatment James is receiving wasn't specified, but his rep insists it was "100 per cent his own idea."

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Ms. Mischa Barf-on, everyone!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S CELEBRITY REHAB FOR YOU, MY DEAR Mischa Barton had a pretty rough night out in Hollywood recently, sources tell the New York Daily News.

The former O.C.

star reportedly showed up to Bar Marmont by herself looking "totally out of it," a source says.

"A few minutes after she comes in, she runs

outside and vomits everywhere.

"And then she went back inside and hung out for the rest of the night."

Barton's rep had no comment.

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SAMANTHA RONSON isn't buying what Jesse James is selling, **BILLY CORGAN** is apparently a big wrestling fan, and **KEVIN SPACEY** isn't casting Kate Moss in a play.

@samantharonson Sex addiction rehab is for rich people who don't want to admit that they have no respect for marriage vows.

@Billy Thanks to all the great performers of the WWE for an incredible Wrestlemania 26 last night.

@KevinSpacey Great to hang w/Kate Moss last wk but not sure where stories of her treading boards at the Old Vic came from. Not a grain of truth in it!

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A new cub?

BETTER THAN A NEW CLUB Elin Nordegren has been standing by Tiger Woods' side since his cheating scandal broke because she is actually four months pregnant, at least according to the National Enquirer.

"Elin's staying quiet about it, but she's showing every sign of being pregnant," a source tells the tabloid. "Her tummy's a dead giveaway, and so is her behaviour. Her moods are all over the place and she's been eating constantly, which is not like Elin since she's always so concerned about her figure."

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WOW, SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE A MUSICIAN? WEIRD 'CAUSE THAT TURNED OUT SO WELL FOR HER PARENTS When Frances Cobain agreed to be a guest vocalist on pal Amanda Palmer's new concept album, headlines swirled that the 17-year-old daughter of Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love was following in her parents' musical footsteps.

Not so fast, people.com reports.

"She's got a great voice," Palmer says. "But she's a really good visual

artist. She's really interested in graphic novels."

Cobain was intrigued by Palmer and fellow musician Jason Webley's concept for the album, Evelyn Evelyn, which focuses on a conjoined twin



singer-songwriter duo.

Palmer was impressed with Cobain for more than her singing.

"She's really smart, level-headed, motivated, and incredibly funny," says Palmer, who met Cobain for the first time while with her fiancé, graphic novelist Neil Gaiman, of which Cobain is a fan.

"She has her own really strong personal work ethic and she wants to find her own voice and make her own art and she's going to do it by playing by her own rules."

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Wouldn't pay her bills

WHAT A JERK FOR NOT WANTING TO BE LIKED JUST FOR HIS MONEY A penetrating profile of the champion golfer's inner circle and his secret life has emerged, and Woods is described as being insatiable, unsatisfied at home and cheap, people.com reports.

The only thing Woods ever bought girlfriend Mindy Lawton was a chicken wrap from Subway, she tells Vanity Fair, while Jamie Jungers blamed her breakup from the golfer on his refusal to

help her financially.

Jungers also reveals that all her rendezvous with Tiger were organized through Bryon Bell — Woods' childhood friend and the president of Tiger Woods Design — contradicting Woods' recent statements that no one in his inner circle knew about his affairs.



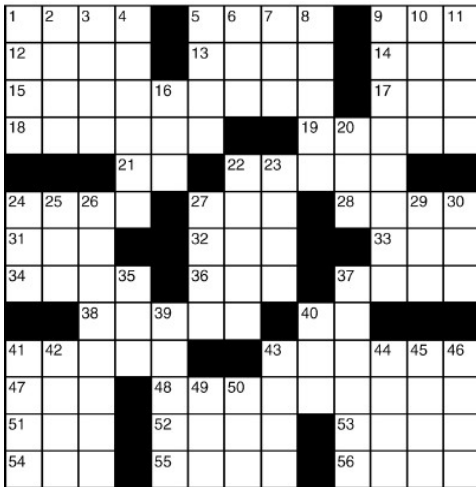
In addition to Bell, Tiger's agent Mark Steinberg seemed to know what was going on. Lawton says when she alerted Woods that the National Enquirer was aware of their affair, Woods put her in contact with Steinberg, who reportedly said, "We'll take care of it."

Speaking on Wednesday's Today show, the article's author Mark Seal said the story is about a man who presented himself as a paragon of family values who was, in fact, leading a secret double life.

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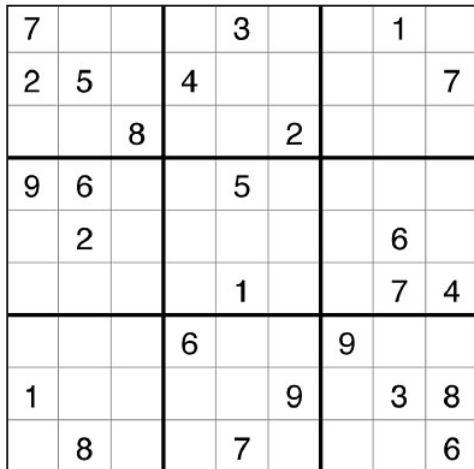
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1 Take pleasure (in)
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

MEME	RIO	ACITIS	2	5	9	6	4	1	3	7	8
IVAN	ERG	RARE	3	7	4	5	8	9	1	2	6
CARDINAL	BRUT		8	6	1	3	2	7	5	9	4
ENSURE	ETUDES		1	3	6	2	9	5	8	4	7
PEW	DATA		5	9	7	8	6	4	2	1	3
ORC	SAT	MUMPS	4	8	2	1	7	3	9	6	5
PEAK	LEA	SORE	9	1	8	7	3	6	4	5	2
STREP	ANT	MOW	7	2	5	4	1	8	6	3	9
DEED	DEB		6	4	3	9	5	2	7	8	1
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

Submitted by Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup fresh ricotta
3/4 cup milk
3 eggs, separated
olive oil cooking spray

METHOD:

In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together until well blended, set aside.
2 In a separate bowl, combine ricotta, milk, egg yolks and lemon zest together in a bowl and stir until smooth. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just combined.
3 In a clean dry bowl, beat egg whites with an electric

mixer until soft peaks form. With a rubber spatula, fold egg whites into ricotta mixture in two batches until just blended.
4 Preheat a non-stick skillet or griddle over medium-low heat and lightly spray with cooking spray. Working in batches, ladle 1/4 cup batter onto the skillet for each pancake, being careful not to overcrowd the pan. Cook until golden on underside, about 1 to 2 minutes. Turn over and cook until golden and cooked through, about 1 minute more. Keep pancakes warm in 250°F oven while remaining batches are cooked.

SERVES 4



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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

For some strange reason you seem prone to illogical ways. Focus only on the facts — everything else is just wishful thinking.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Sooner or later you will have to branch out in a new direction and there really is no time like the present.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

You will be on the move today and may end up in some rather unusual places. It is not like you to be so adventurous. Try exploring them

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

It would appear that you are finally prepared to do something you have wanted to do for ages but did not have the courage to try.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

There are two routes you can take and as not even a Gemini can be in two places at once you must choose a path and stick with it.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

If someone offers you their assistance today you would be wise to politely refuse.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

There may be a thousand and one things you should have done by now but, in the greater scheme of things, they really don't matter that much.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

The current cosmic set-up is hardly likely to promote rational thinking and chances are you will look back and wonder why you did certain things.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

Something you had never previously considered will come to your attention today and it will put an entirely new slant on the way you look at the world.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

Is your daily regime as organized as it should be? If not, it's time to do something about it.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

You cannot force people to change their beliefs. The more you try the more they will cling to them.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

You may not change your views easily but other people can be just as uncompromising and a clash of egos is likely over the next 24 hours.

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